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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON ALLEGED ANTI-SRV "TERRORIST" IN U.S.

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¶1. (U) MFA Americas Department Deputy Director Pham Van Que presented to A/DCM on September 19 a non-paper on alleged "terrorist" Nguyen Huu Chanh, who has been the subject of an earlier diplomatic note (reftel) and other communications. Que made no formal request and there was no diplomatic note accompanying the information, but Que indicated that he wished the USG to consider "additional" information. (Note: apparently, new references to the opening of a "Revolutionary Government of Free Vietnam" on January 1, 2003 and founding of a "Vietnam National Party" on August 17, 2003. end note). The document reiterates an earlier request via Interpol for Chanh's arrest, as well as claims of Chanh's involvement in 2001 bombing attempts of Vietnamese embassies in Manila and Bangkok.

¶2. (U) Action request: Embassy would welcome an update on any investigation into Chanh's alleged "terrorist" activities as well as on the current status of Vo Van Duc, who was due for extradition to Thailand for the 2001 bombing attempt.

¶3. (U) Begin text

Nguyen Huu Chanh (name at birth: Nguyen Hoang Dan; nick names: Nguyen Huu Danh, Bao Long and Nguyen Anh Tuan). Date of Birth: January 1, 1950 in Phu Cat, Binh Dinh, Vietnam (other documents also identified year of birth as 1949 and 1951); Nationality: Vietnamese, holder of U.S. Green Card No. A.27344105 issued on January 19th 1992;

Addresses of his residence have been referred to as follows:

- 16220 N. 7th Suite 2028, Phoenix, AZ 85022.
- 13282 Earle Dr., Garden Grove, CA 92644.  
Tel: (914) 638-9527.
- 7400 Center Ave, Suite 108, Huntington Beach, CA 92647.  
Tel: (714) 379-5250.
- 12755 Brookhurst, Suite 104, Garden Grove, CA 92840.  
Tel: (714) 638-9990.

1995, Nguyen Huu Chanh set up the so-called "Revolutionary Government of Free Vietnam" based in 12755 Brookhurst Suite 104, Garden Grove, California, U.S.A. Since then, Chanh and his accomplices have returned to Thailand and Cambodia many times to recruit and train people to produce, use mines and bombs, purchase grenades and explosives for terrorist activities against Vietnam. Particularly, since 1999, Chanh has organized, instructed, and assigned 26 gangs (of 3 to 5 persons each) from Thailand and Cambodia to carry explosives, mines, grenades and other explosive devices to Vietnam for terrorist purposes. These activities can be specified as follows:

- In March 1999, Chanh asked the gang of Tran Van Duc and Huynh Buu Tran to carry explosives to Vietnam for terrorist acts in Can Tho and Dong Thap provinces.
- In April 1999, Chanh assigned the gangs of Tran Thi Hue, Nguyen Van Phuong, Nguyen Van Hung, Nguyen Van Ty and 6 others, the gang of Son Tam and Danh Huong, and the gang of Chan Khuu and To Van Hong to carry explosives, mines and other explosive facilities to Vietnam for destructive and terrorist acts in places such as downtown parks, flower-gardens, post offices, statues at the Reunification Hall in Can Tho, Dong Thap provinces and Ho Chi Minh City.
- From December 1999 to February 2000, Chanh sent his accomplices named: Huynh Anh Tri, Huynh Anh Tu, Nguyen Ngoc Phuong, Van Ngoc Hien, Le Ngoc Anh Tuan, Ly Ngoc Ha, Pham Anh Tuan, Nguyen Thanh Van, Tran Kim Huong, Do Van Thai and Tran Hoang Giang to bring 25 kg of explosives, 25 detonators, delayed action fuses and 2 remote control bomb devices to Vietnam for acts of terrorism in Can Tho, Dong Thap provinces and Ho Chi Minh City.
- In March 2000, Chanh instructed his accomplices to explode gas tanks at the ceremony in memory of Huynh Phu So- Head of Vietnam's Hoa Hao religion.
- In August 2000, Chanh asked Son Nguyen Thanh Dien to

bring 3 grenades to Vietnam for the purpose of causing explosions at the Post and Telecommunications Center in Ho Chi Minh City.

- In June 2001, Chanh organized and instructed Vo Van Duc (or Nguyen Van Trang, John Nguyen Trang) and Phan Nguyen Thanh Hien Sy to conduct a terrorist bombing at the Vietnamese Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand.

- In August 2001, Chanh organized and instructed Nguyen Tan Vinh and Huynh Ngoc Thuan to plan a terrorist bombing at the Chancery of the Vietnamese Embassy in Manila, the Philippines.

- On June 29 and 30 2002, Chanh organized "Conference of the Vietnamese National Alliance" in Anaheim, California to continue rallying forces for terrorist activities against Vietnam.

- Nguyen Huu Chanh organized the opening ceremony of the so-called "Revolutionary Government of Free Vietnam" in the USA on January 1, 2003; organized "The General Conference" in Germany in April; "Vietnam National Party" in the USA on August 17, 2003.

The Vietnamese Police have prevented the above-said activities and arrested dozens of them with 40 kg of explosives, 30 detonators, 3 grenades, 4 remote control bomb devices, and many delayed action fuses. In May 2001, Vietnam brought to trial 37 persons arrested on charges of terrorist activities under the instructions and organization of Nguyen Huu Chanh.

Based on the available documents and evidence, in conformity with Article 84 of the Penal Code of Vietnam, on 3 May 1999, the Vietnamese police issued an All-Points Bulletin against Nguyen Huu Chanh for terrorist activities. On 15 June 1999, the Interpol Office announced an international All-Points Bulletin (Control No. A-431. /6-1999) against Nguyen Hun Chanh for weapon smuggling and terrorism. On September 10, 2002, Interpol Vietnam sent Notice No. 912/VPI (T2) to the U.S. Interpol informing evidences of the committing crimes of Chanh and requested the U.S. to arrest and hand Chanh over to Vietnam to bring him to justice, and to abolish the so-called "Revolutionary Government of Free Vietnam" headed by Nguyen Hun Chanh.

Until now, there has been close cooperation between Vietnam and Thailand in preventing terrorist acts of Chanh. On August 10, 1999, The Thai Committee for Examining Foreigners in Danger for Security and Society decided to rank Nguyen Huu Chanh and his gang to the list of persons who may cause harm for society or may create dangers for Thai national security due to their acts of establishing revolutionary front and army forces in Trat province (Thailand). On October 6, 1999, Thai Minister for Internal Security had order No. 397/2542 prohibiting those people from entry permit to Thai territory according to Section 16 of 1999 Immigration Law.

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